

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2008**

Commissioner Bucci began the meeting at 12 Noon held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance:

Dino F. Bucci Jr., President
William J. Revoir, Secretary
Phillip A. DiMaria, Sergeant-At-Arms, excused
Anthony Lipinski
Timothy M. Malone
Robert M. Sawicki, excused
Marvin Sauger
Gene Schabath, (Rep. Mr. Marrocco)
Betty Slinde
Ruth Stevenson
Bill Peterson

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, David Humbyrd, and Sharon Quinn, Parks & Recreation;
Jim Meyerand, Corporation Counsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Bucci welcomed Mr. Bill Peterson, recently elected Chairman of the Planning Commission on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion by Commissioner Peterson, supported by Commissioner Slinde was made to amend the agenda to reelect a Vice-President. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

President Bucci opened nominations for vice-president.

Commissioner Schabath nominated Commissioner Slinde, supported by Commissioner Revoir. Commissioner Slinde accepted the nomination.

A motion to close the nominations was made by Commissioner Bucci, supported by Commissioner Schabath and the motion carried. Commissioner Slinde was made Vice-President by acclamation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Parker of Sterling Heights asked about the County Park's website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Slinde, supported by Commissioner Lipinski was made approving minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 5, 2007 and Organizational Meeting of January 16, 2008. Motion carried.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Casasanta stated the Park's budget deductions report due to Finance will be available in March for review by the Park Commission.

Commissioner Lipinski inquired if there are any new programs generating revenue for the Park.

Mr. Casasanta responded that karate classes are scheduled in the hall for this spring, a potential for pet show training classes are being looked at, and a possible Bosnian festival may be scheduled this summer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sauger, supported by Commissioner Revoir to approve the budget as reported by the Park Administrator. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A motion by Commissioner Stevenson, supported by Commissioner Peterson was made to receive and file correspondence as submitted. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Peterson asked for a meeting with someone to gain background knowledge on the Park's budget. Mr. Casasanta responded he would be happy to meet with him.

NEW BUSINESS

National Assoc of Letter Carriers – Food Drive Kickoff Rally, May 5, 2008
Italian Festival, July 18-20, 2008
UAW Local 212 Picnic, August 17, 2008
UAW Local 1700 Picnic, August 24, 2008
Pet-A-Palooza Event, June 28-29, 2008

Mr. Casasanta recommended approval of these events at the park this summer.

Mr. Meyerand recommended sending a letter to Hillside Productions relative to requesting a flat fee parking rate on these events.

A motion by Commissioner Slinde, supported by Commissioner Peterson was made approving the above events as recommended by the Park Administrator and with a recommendation by Mr. Meyerand for a follow up letter to be sent to Hillside Productions addressing flat fee parking. Motion carried.

OTHER

Mr. Casasanta commented that problems relative to the County's web site are being corrected by the Management Information Department and should be up and running sometime today.

Mr. Meyerand stated the former operator of the flea markets has recently filed a lawsuit against the County in federal court.

Mr. Schabath asked for an update Park Commission mailing list.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Stevenson supported by Commissioner Malone. Motion carried.

President Bucci adjourned the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Sincerely,

William J. Revoir, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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